

#### INTERNATIONAL CHURCH ADULT DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

# BREAKTHROUGH

'DI PANGKARANIWANG TAON. 'DI PANGKARANIWANG PAGLILINGKOD.

'Di pangkaraniwan ang ating paglilingkod dahil ang ating pagkatawag ay 'di pangkaraniwan; dahil Dios ang ating pinaglilingkuran.

Apostle Arsenio T. Ferriol

s we approach the 50th anniversary of the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch), we can't help but thank God for all the open doors that He is giving us. We are called for spiritual breakthroughs. It is God's will for us to be found expanding and growing in our service to Him. There is only one direction that the church is heading - that is to move forward. We can see that with our evangelistic

breakthroughs.

The numbers that we've got from the recently concluded Home Free Crusades are living proof that God is working mightily in our midst. Our time is a time of harvest. We're not only counting the number of people being added to His true church but we're also seeing countless places around the world being planted with the 4th Watch message, thanks to the Reaching Regions Beyond program.



The end-time church is having a breakthrough in many facets of our service to God.

We are experiencing what we call breakthrough moments especially that we are coming close to yet another milestone in the Church. Our golden year anniversary is not only a celebration of God's goodness, but it is also an opportunity for us to be part of the many breakthroughs that He is unveiling in our time. As we have this moment, let us keep our momentum and continue to have our breakthroughs rolling.

How do we keep our missionary breakthroughs? There are many ways on how we can continue with these breakthroughs. As a missionary church, we are called to testify about God's love and to spread the gospel in different places. Like what our church leaders are doing, let us join them in their missionary

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#### ICAD KICKS OFF 2023 WITH THE 1st ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

n February 11, 2023, the International Church Adult Department (ICAD) held its 1st Online General Assembly for area representatives, area officers, and local presidents.

The event, which was hosted on Facebook Live and Zoom, was attended by almost 600 ICAD leaders from the Philippines and abroad.

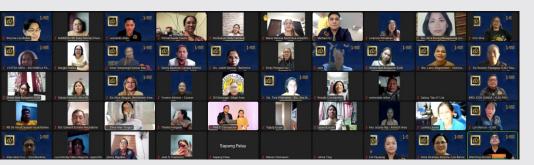
The theme of the assembly was "Mobilizing the Adult Department for Excellent Works this Golden Year of the Church," which aimed to encourage and empower ICAD members to raise their standard of service to nothing short of excellence. Also for them to actively participate in the celebration of the Church's 50th Anniversary this year and to contribute to the church's growth and development in the year 2023 and beyond.

The event started with a Praise and Worship session from the Baguio adult brethren, followed by an opening prayer led by Elder Icen Sunga. ICAD's assistant adviser Ptr Jim Colico delivered the welcome remarks, expressing his gratitude to all attendees and

diversity and talent of the ICAD community.

The highlight of the event was the exhortation of the word of God delivered by Presbyter Jim Bigalbal, ICAD's adviser. His message encouraged the ICAD members to be active participants in the Church's 50th Anniversary.

ICAD's President, Elder Jun Atlas also presented the programs for 2023 and 2024, outlining the department's plans and initiatives for the coming years. For this year, the ICAD programs will focus on mobilizing the adult members for excellent works as they participate actively to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Church. They believe that there is no better year to start a campaign for excellence than this year - gold standard



emphasizing the importance of the ICAD program for 2023.

The assembly also featured inspiring testimonies from Elder Johna Ting and the Garcia Family. Several adult members from Singapore, Dubai and Smyrna Area offered songs of praises, showcasing the of service for the Church's golden year. For 2024, ICAD programs will aim to support the holistic development of the adult members so they can be more productive and effective church members by coming up with wide range of programs. It involves from evangelism and discipleship to leadership development, family enrichment, livelihood and health.

The event closed with a prayer led by Elder Roselyn Papagayo. Ten lucky adult members won 50th-anniversary merchandise, while five locale churches won a portable P.A. system that they can use for evangelism.

Overall, the 1st Online General Assembly was a resounding success. The event marked the beginning of an exciting year for the ICAD department, and we look forward to seeing its continued growth and impact in the years to come.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

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During the Family Connection Month, the International Church Adult Department successfully held a program which aimed to strengthen and deepen the relationship amongst couples. The



Marriage Enrichment Webinar was held last February 25, 2023 and featured Congresswoman Irene Saulog as the guest speaker.

Marriage would be so much easier if it were as simple as falling in love, but we all know that it isn't. That is why Congresswoman Irene's insight has been greatly appreciated by adults all over the world, as demonstrated by their active participation and online interactions.

Spearheaded by the ICAD officers along with their advisers, Presbyter Jim Bigalbal and Ptr. Jim Colico, the webinar proved to be a very effective tool in rekindling the bond between couples. Congresswoman Irene Saulog did not only present an insightful contribution on this timely topic but also redefined the kind of love that must be in the center of any relationship – that is none other than our relationship with God.

Streaming live at the Life TV studio in Marikina City, Sis. Raych Pastor made the event more engaging and exciting as the host. The first of its kind in the adult department of the Church, this webinar would not be the last but just the first to a string of events that will come in the future.

## Congratulations to all the winners of ICAD's National Family Date Challenge!

In celebration of the Church's Family Connection Month, ICAD spearheaded the National Family Date Challenge last February 2023. The project aimed to encourage families to spend quality time with each other despite the busyness of everyday life. The challenge required participants to go on a family date and document their experiences through photos or videos and write a short testimony about it.

It was a huge success, with many families participating and sharing their memorable moments.

To everyone who participated, thank you! Your participation in this project is a testament to the importance of family connections. Your dedication and effort to spend quality time with your family are truly inspiring.

We hope that the National Family Date Challenge has inspired more families to prioritize quality time together. Let us continue to strengthen our family bonds and build memories that will last a lifetime.



journeys. We may be situated in different cities and localities but we have the same mission to accomplish. One thing that we can do to be part of these breakthroughs is to join hand in hand with our evangelistic efforts. Like what the Apostle has instructed us, we can do personal evangelism and public preaching. We can also set up watch parties with our Home Free Crusades. There are many ways on how we can spread the Word to people.

Another thing that we can do is to continue to pray that God will guide us in our missionary endeavors. Apostle Paul in his letter to the early believers encouraged them to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Missionary breakthroughs are only possible when there's a breakthrough in our prayer life. We can start that with our families through our family devotions and bible readings. As we come together in prayer, the stronger we are and prepared to do more for God and His mission.

Lastly, we can achieve more victories in our service to Him when we continue to support the needs of His mission. To be able to accomplish that, we need to give with impact. Giving with impact is a kind of giving that is mission-oriented, sacrificial and monumental. As God has blessed us in our lives, let us all the more bless His work in our time. Let us gather all things for Christ 'till His return. Let us continue to empower the mission of God.

Through the leadership of the Goodman of the House, the Church of Christ in the end-time will continue to grow and expand in both number and service to God. Let us be one with the Apostle and our leaders. As we await the return of our Lord, may we continue to aim for excellence and perfection. Maranatha! Happy Rapture!



#### ICAD Launches Online Resources for Family Devotion

he International Church Adult Department is excited to announce the launch of its new online resource for family devotion!

This practice of family devotion, which is being taught and promoted by no less than the Goodman of the House, is crucial in building a strong spiritual foundation for families. It allow families to come together, bond and build unity as they study God's word and pray. It also provide an opportunity for parents to teach their children important life lessons and Christian values in the light of the Scripture and instill in them the apostolic doctrine and 4th Watch culture. Family devotion helps strengthen the spiritual

life of each family member and creates a habit of daily prayer and Bible readings.

ICAD understands the importance of family devotion and aims to support families in this essential practice. To do so, ICAD has created online resources to help families start or continue their family devotion. The online resources include a short write-up on the importance of family devotion and tips on how to do it. Additionally, there are three video messages per week, sermon outlines, a prayer list, and an online prayer request form. Share to us your prayer request and ICAD officers will be your prayer partners. Accessing these resources is easy! Simply go to the ICAD mobile site accessible on the ICAD Facebook page, head to the online resources, and click the Family Devotion button.

Through these online resources, ICAD aims to encourage families to make family devotion a regular part of their spiritual life. The importance of family devotion cannot be overstated. In a world where distractions and busy schedules are the norm, taking time to come together as a family to pray and study God's word is more important than ever. We invite all families in our community to take advantage of these online resources and make family devotion a priority in their spiritual life.